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In re application of: **Dutta et al.**

Serial No.: **09/833,340**

Filed: **April 12, 2001**

For: **Method and Apparatus for
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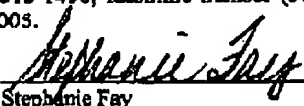
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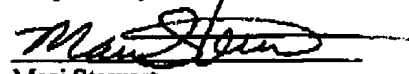
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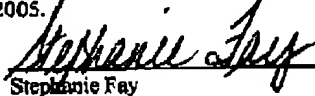
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In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.